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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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Application No.: 10/031,875

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For: SMOKING ARTICLE WRAPPER
WITH IMPROVED FILLER

) **MAIL STOP: 313(c)**

) Group Art Unit: 1731

) Examiner: Dionne A. Walls

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2) TO WITHDRAW
APPLICATION FROM ISSUE**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further to the Notice of Allowance dated December 21, 2004 and the issue fee being paid on March 17, 2005, Applicants petition that this application be withdrawn from issue, and that the Request for Continued Examination and Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith be entered. Consideration of the Request for Continued Examination in compliance with §1.114 and Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested in view of the references cited in a Supplemental European Search Report which issued in a European counterpart application.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$130.00 due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h), as well as any other appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this submission, and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

In the event any questions arise regarding this communication or the application in general, please contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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